



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 669

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHILD CARE
SUBSIDY PROGRAM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-749 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2005*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall establish and operate
5 a child care subsidy program to increase the availability, affordability
6 and quality of child care services for families with a parent or caretaker
7 who is working, attending high school or who receives cash assistance
8 under the temporary family assistance program from the Department
9 of Social Services and is participating in an approved education,
10 training, or other job preparation activity. Services available under the
11 child care program shall include the provision of child care subsidies
12 for children under the age of thirteen or children under the age of
13 nineteen with special needs. The department shall open and maintain
14 enrollment for the child care subsidy program and shall administer
15 such program within the existing budgetary resources available. Upon
16 the expiration of the existing contract between the department and the

17 unit or organization acting under the direction of the department to
 18 administer the day-to-day operations of the child care subsidy
 19 program, the department shall have sole responsibility for all
 20 administrative functions of the program, including, but not limited to,
 21 the processing of timely payments to program providers. The
 22 department shall not delegate responsibility for performance of any of
 23 the administrative functions, ancillary to the establishment of the child
 24 care subsidy program. The provisions of this section shall not affect the
 25 provisions of sections 17b-749g and 17b-749h.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2005	17b-749(a)
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Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Social Services to use department employees to carry out all administrative functions associated with the operation of the child care subsidy program.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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